

WRITING IMPLEMENT WITH INTEGRAL PAGE TURNING ELEMENT

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A writing implement has a barrel extending between a first end through which a writing tip extends and a second end opposite the first end, and an integral, substantially non-abradable, substantially non-abrasive, elastomeric page-turning element fixed to and integral with the second end, wherein the page-turning element has an outside diameter that is not substantially greater than the outside diameter of the second end of the barrel.

In a specific preferred embodiment, the page-turning element is configured as a conformal cap covering the second end of the barrel, and its exterior surface is advantageously formed with a multiplicity of soft, deformable protuberances to enhance the frictional grip of the page-turning element with a sheet of paper. A writing tip extension and retraction mechanism may optionally be included in the barrel, the mechanism having an actuation button on the exterior of the main body of the barrel between the first and second ends. Alternatively, the actuation button can be located at the tip or apex of the second end of the barrel, underneath the page turning-element.